


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THEATRE  ROYAL,  
CITY HALL, HONGKONG.  
TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY) EVENING,  
OCTOBER 2ND, 1878.  
THE ROYAL ENGLISH OPERA AND  
OPERA BOUFFE COMPANY  
will repeat  
BALFE'S GRAND SPECTACULAR OPERA  
"SATANELLA;  
OR,  
THE POWER OF LOVE"  
in Four Acts and Two Tableaux.

MUST BURETT ..... Mr. H. YERFON.  
 SENESENIUS (his Tutor) ..... Mr. G. HODSON.  
 ..... Mr. J. ROLLINGS.  
 ..... Mr. MADDEN.  
 ARMAND VIZIER ..... Mr. J. ROLLINGS.  
 EDWARD (a Pirate) ..... Mr. ADAMS.  
 JOHN SHARP ..... Master JAMES.  
 MISS PERDUE ..... Miss A. DRAGDER.  
 MISS STELLA ..... Miss B. DRAGDER.  
 MISS CLARA STANLEY.  
 ..... MISS PERALS.  
 RETAINERS (King of the ..... Mr. HAGMAN.  
 Demons) .....  
 TATIANELLA ..... Miss ELICIA MAY.  
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NDW SENEERT AND EFFECTS,  
 by Senior BAPTISTA.

SYNOPSIS OF SCENERY:  
 ACT 1st.  
 SCENE 1st—GARDENS OF COUNT RUPERT.  
 SCENE 2ND—THE DEMON'S TOWER.  
 ACT 2ND.  
 SCENE 1st—HALL IN THE CASTLE.  
 SCENE 2ND—SEA SHORE.  
 ACT 3RD.  
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 ACT 3RD.  
 SCENE 1ST—DARK CAVERN.  
 SCENE 2ND—BAZAAR AND SLAVE  
 MARKET.  
 ACT 4TH.  
 SCENE 1ST—THE DEMON'S TOWER.  
 SCENE 2ND—DARK CAVERN.  
 SCENE 3RD—VISION SCENE.  
 TYPICAL DIRECTOR ..... MR. PANIZZA.

The Operas are produced under the Sole direction of Mr. H. VERNON:

Tickets to be had and sold, secured at Messrs. ROUSE & CO.'s, where a Plan of the Theatre may be seen.

PRICES OF ADMISSION:

Orchestra Circle or Orchestra	} TWO DOLLARS.
Stalls	
Below Stalls	ONE DOLLAR.

Ladies unaccompanied by Gentlemen cannot be admitted.

Hongkong, 30th September, 1878. [1878]

NOTICE.

W. BARNES & CO. MERCHANTS AND GENERAL COMMISSION AGENTS under the style or Firm of DUNN, MELBAY & CO.  
WILLIAM EDWARD HENRY DUNN.  
PEIER EMIL HELGA MELBAY.  
Hongkong, October 1st, 1878. [Im1638]

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**NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.**  
TO CONSIGNEES OF OPTIONAL CARGO.  
BY C. S. S. CO.'S S.S. "SARPEDON,"  
FROM LIVERPOOL.  
SHIPPING Orders must be obtained from the Undersigned not later than SATURDAY, the 5th Oct. for shipment per Steamer

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.  
Hongkong, 30th September. 1878. 1636

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer:  
"SARPEDON"

We hereby notified that the Cargo is being dis-  
charged into Craft, bound at the Godowns  
of the Undersigned; in both cases it will lie at  
Consignees risk. The Cargo will be ready for  
delivery from Craft or Godown on and after the  
20th September. 1878.

Goods undelivered after the 5th October. will  
be subject to Rent.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.  
Hongkong, 30th September. 1878. 1607

STEAMSHIP "YANGTSE."

**COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.**

**NOTICE.**

**C**ONSIGNEES of Cargo per Steamship "INDUS".

From London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before **TODAY**, the 30th instant, at **11 A.M.**, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersecretary.

Cargo remaining unclaimed after **MON.**

port and landing charges,  
No Fire Insurance has been effected.  
H. DU POUY, Agent.  
Hongkong, 30th September, 1875.  
FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG, AND  
SINGAPORE.  
THE Steamship "MORAY"  
Having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees  
of Cargo hereby requested to send in their  
Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for Counter-  
signatures, and to take immediate delivery of  
their Goods.  
Cargo impeding the discharge will be at once  
landed and stored at Consignees' risk and ex-

**JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.**  
Hongkong, 28th September, 1878. (1w1626)  
**FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.**

**THE Steamship "GLENARTNEY"**  
having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, are being landed, at their risk into the Godowns of the Under- signed, whence, if from the Wharves or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon TO-DAY. Cargo remaining undelivered after the 4th

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Hongkong, 27th September, 1878. [1w1039]



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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, OCTOBER 1st, 1878.

The people of Hongkong will scarcely feel flattered at the estimate formed of their mental capacity by "Old Resident." He asserts that, "in matters relating to Government or Administration, it would seem that any statement, however preposterous or unjust, has only to be made in order to be believed."

Without the least effort to test the trustworthiness of its source or premises.

Doubtless there are some few members of the community who allow prejudice to sway them some extent, as is the case in every civilized country; but the sweeping accusation of "Old Resident" can only be regarded as evidence of the "frenzied and unreasoning state" in which the writer's feelings had plunged him. In other moments he would never have allowed himself to charge a highly intelligent, though politically rather lethargic, community with "headless gullibility" in "readily swallowing" "grossly exaggerated and garbled" reports, and with being frenzied with excitement. "Old Resident" clearly does not understand the pulse of Hongkong.

The colonists as a rule are immersed in business, have little time or inclination to get up agitations, and it requires a great deal of provocation to cause them to any demonstration either for or against the Government.

There have been impelled by the condition of affairs to utter a protest against that in various lenity which it is only too evident has emboldened the Chinese criminals to make unwarranted attacks on property in this Colony. It is true that some misstatements and misconceptions have got abroad at different times with regard to Mr. Harcourt's acts and policy, but we have invariably corrected all that came within our knowledge, have given him ample credit for every good word and word, and prior to his arrival the Colony studiously refrained from reproducing from other journals the numerous articles and reports reflecting prejudicially upon him. The people of Hongkong were, we are persuaded, prepared from the outset to judge Mr. Harcourt on his own merits, without taking note of the struggles in which he had somehow got involved in other colonies. When he landed he was heartily received, and every disposition was shown to render his stay here pleasant to himself. That it has not been so agreeable as was anticipated is due, not to popular ill-will, but to Mr. Harcourt's too great hurry to carry out his own pet schemes and upset the existing order of things.

It will be seen at a glance that "Old Resident" has a hobby which he never fails to ride on every available occasion. We allude to the smuggling which goes on from Hongkong, and which he has in former letters magnified into almost fabulous proportions. It is quite unnecessary to reopen the controversy on this question, spite of Mr. Nicolson's statement of the total amount estimated to be smuggled, which was not

especially noticed by us for the simple reason that it is a mere recapitulation of Mr. Nicolson's statement, commented on at length months ago, and not as "Old Resident" would insinuate, because we desired to suppress it. The fallacy of "Old Resident's" argument that the recent great increase of crime is due to the prevalence of smuggling is apparent. Smuggling has existed for years, and we are not aware that it is now on the increase. Notwithstanding the smuggling, the Colony enjoyed peace and security for a series of years, and the present lawlessness must therefore be set down to other causes. "Old Resident" might have made a far better case by attributing it to the late distress in Kwangtung caused by inundations in various districts. This has done contributed to some extent to swell the ranks of the idle and criminal population, but the fault has been that while the criminals have increased in the colony, the measures have been slackened. Supposing that smuggling were wholly suppressed—a task approaching the impossible—Hongkong would still "hold out a tempting bait" to the scoundrels of Kwangtung, who, when they had made their own province too hot to hold them, would wander down here in search of new game. The idea of the Hongkong Authorities suppressing the smuggling trade with the aid of the Customs Government is a new and absurd one. The Colonial Government should do all it can to prevent smuggling, but it cannot be expected that we are to provide a coastguard for the Chinese Government. The action of the Hoppo's officers is sufficiently irritating to the community here and injurious to honest trade to cooly lay it down that it is our duty to suppress the smuggling in Chinese waters in order to add insult to injury.

We hear that Mr. Kwok Ah-ching is about to purchase the German steamer Olympia for about \$200,000 or \$300,000.

The P. and O. steamer Nizam, with the next outward English mail, left Singapore at 6 a.m. on Sunday for this port.

The bark Overland, Captain Hilditch, left Newcastle, N.S.W., on the 15th August, and the ship Georgia Thompson on the 17th August, both for Yokohama.

Several boatsmen were fined heavily by Mr. Francis yesterday for having their boats moored in streets after sundown. These heavy fines are the only means of stopping this breach of a useful ordinance.

We are pleased to announce that the sufferers in the cholera crisis are, for the most part, steadily progressing towards recovery. All the patients speak very highly of Dr. Von der Horst, who, they say, is attending them morning, noon, and night.

In their commercial report dated the 25th ult., Messrs. Bahr and Co., of Saigon, refer as follows to the state of affairs at that port: "There is hardly any business doing at present. We quote rice with 35 to 40 per cent. profit at the new price nominal. The growth of the rice crop is continuing favorably."

A highway robbery was committed on Sunday night, near the Wanchai Gap. A hawker was riding along the road, and was seized by a band of four men, who robbed him of his goods and money, and then threw him down, filling his mouth with stool. Had it not been for the opportune arrival of a constable, the hawker would have been left to his fate. Unfortunately the highwayman escaped.

The Band and Pipes of the 14th Highlanders will perform on the Parade Ground to-night, commencing at nine p.m. The following is the programme:

March—"Princess of Trebizond."—Arban.

March—"Hyacinth."—Arban.

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The steamer *Louisa*, from London, is to leave Singapore for this Port to-morrow, the 2nd inst.

The *Shanghai* *London*, Captain Soderstrom, reporting having passed some wrecks in lat. 15° 50' and long. 115° 50', but was too far away to examine them.

Yesterday afternoon a workman at the China Sugar Refinery received serious injuries by a hot tea suddenly falling upon him. He was conveyed to the Civil Hospital without delay, and his injuries attended to.

General Durnan proceeds on leave to-day, and the command of the Garrison devolves on Colonel Spink, R.E., and that of the troops on the Chinese Frontier on Colonel Durnan, who will remain on his present station at Singapore.

The British steamer *Nie*, from Shanghai, reports having passed in the river a sailing vessel (ship), with cargo shifted, and the ship *Star* Queen, with main and mizen topmasts gone.

At the Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Francis, a Chinaman was charged with stealing a jacket, and by a watchman at the P. and O. office, who gave very contradictory evidence, to have belonged to a value of 1000 in the hands of an employer also charged, and the jacket, and his Worship dismissed the case, it being impossible, he said, to believe the evidence. The watchman was fined \$10 for giving false evidence.

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